

## U.S. Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General Investigations Division



The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Stimulus Bill", Pub.L. 111-5, H.R. 1, S. 1) is an Act of Congress enacted by the 111th United States Congress and signed into law by President Barack Obama on February 17, 2009. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act provides funding intended to provide a stimulus to the economy, includes \$4 billion in Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding to enhance state, local, and tribal law enforcement, to combat violence against women, and to fight Internet crimes against children.

To learn more about the Recovery Act, visit www.recovery.gov.

To learn more about DOJ programs under the Recovery Act, visit http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery.

The Recovery Act provides \$2 million in funding to the DOJ Office of the Inspector General (OIG) to help ensure accountability and oversight of the DOJ grant funds. The OIG is undertaking proactive steps to oversee DOJ's Recovery Act activities, including providing Department officials and grant administrators with advice and training on improving the grant management process in an effort to prevent fraud or misuse of the funds. In addition, the OIG is examining DOJ funds awarded through the Recovery Act to determine if Department components are properly issuing and overseeing Recovery Act funds and if grantees are appropriately using Recovery Act Funds.

Public documents related to the DOJ OIG's Recovery Act oversight efforts are posted below:

- A Guide to Grant Oversight and Best Practices for Combating Grant Fraud, Released by the Grant Fraud Committee of the National Procurement Fraud Task Force, February 2009
- Improving the Grant Management Process, February 2009

To report fraud, waste, abuse or overpayments related to <u>DOJ programs</u>, please go to http://www.usdoj.gov/oig, or to the following local DOJ OIG contact:

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